

expertise is matched by his dedication to his colleagues and to mentoring the next generation of public servants. Dr. Alpert has demonstrated his heart of gold, a natural kindness, and wonderful sense of humor to all who have had the pleasure to meet him. I also recognize that Dr. Alpert could not be where he is today without the love and support of his sweetheart, Ann.

On behalf of the people of the State of New Mexico and on behalf of my entire staff and Senator Bingaman's staff, I thank him for his service. I know I speak for so many when I thank Dr. Alpert for his contributions to New Mexico and to our Nation. I know that he will continue to make a difference in the lives of everyone he meets. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the dedicated service of Dr. Alpert and congratulate him on his retirement from the U.S. Senate.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### REMEMBERING DR. KAREN TRUJILLO

• Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. President, the tragic passing of Dr. Karen Trujillo, a devoted mother and compassionate leader who dedicated her life to New Mexico's students and teachers, is a tremendous loss for the entire State of New Mexico.

Like so many in New Mexico, I will be forever grateful for the opportunities I had to spend time with Dr. Trujillo and learn from her. She was a tireless advocate for education whose enthusiasm for learning was truly infectious. I am especially appreciative for how much she advocated for all students to have access to outstanding education in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Dr. Trujillo served for more than 25 years as an educator. She began her career in the classroom as a math teacher at Las Cruces High School and went on to teach at Cobre High School in Bayard, Hot Springs High School in Truth or Consequences, and at Alma d'Arte Charter High School in Las Cruces. She also served in many education leadership roles, including principal at Las Cruces Catholic School, associate dean of research at New Mexico State University's School of Education, New Mexico secretary of public education, and superintendent of Las Cruces Public Schools.

Dr. Trujillo's legacy will be felt for years not only in all the students she inspired but in classrooms across our State led by educators whom she mentored and led. At NMSU, she directed K-12 outreach for the Alliance for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning and started the Southwest Outreach Academic Research Lab and Educators Rising NM, an organization that recruits high school students for careers in teaching.

Dr. Trujillo was proud of her deep New Mexico roots and her close-knit

family. After early years growing up in Santa Fe, she and her family resettled in Las Cruces, where she graduated from Mayfield High School and received her bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees from New Mexico State University. Her father Gilbert set a positive example of public service for her as a longtime Doña Ana County commissioner.

Even while she took on leadership roles throughout the State, Karen could often be found with her family at the Hatch Valley High School gymnasium, where her husband Ben is the athletic director, her older daughter is a basketball coach, and her younger daughter played for the team. She often took on duties as the basketball announcer.

I am keeping Ben, their kids, Taralyn, Tim and Tavyn, the Trujillo and Apodaca families, as well as all of the New Mexicans who are grieving this devastating loss, in my thoughts.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 6. An act to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain aliens, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1112. An act to require a report on the military coup in Burma, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1603. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for terms and conditions for nonimmigrant workers performing agricultural labor or services, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1868. An act to prevent across-the-board direct spending cuts, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1276) to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish COVID-19 vaccines to certain individuals, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1024(a), and the order of the House of January 4, 2021, the Speaker appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Joint Economic Committee: Mr. ARRINGTON of Texas, to rank after Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER of Washington.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 579. An act to make a technical correction to the ALS Disability Insurance Access Act of 2019.

H.R. 1276. An act to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish COVID-19 vaccines to certain individuals, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following joint resolution was read the first time:

H.J. Res. 17. Joint resolution removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment.

#### ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, March 22, 2021, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 579. An act to make a technical correction to the ALS Disability Insurance Access Act of 2019.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. SMITH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 877. A bill to provide lasting protection for inventoried roadless areas within the National Forest System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 878. A bill to increase public safety by punishing and deterring firearms trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 879. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to make grants to support educational programs in civics and history, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. LEAHY, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 880. A bill to amend the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 and other laws to clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 881. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the national limitation amount for qualified highway or surface freight transfer facility bonds; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BRAUN, and Mr. PAUL):

S. 882. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to modify the authority for the National Labor Relations Board with respect to rulemaking, issuance of complaints, and authority over unfair labor practices; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. TESTER, Mrs. CAPITO, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 883. A bill to modify the Federal TRIO programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. TUBERVILLE, and Ms. ERNST):

S. 884. A bill to close loopholes in the immigration laws that serve as incentives to